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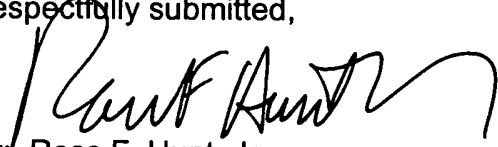
In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102 and MPEP 708.02, Section X, applicant hereby petitions to have the above-identified application made special and thus examined out of turn. A petition fee as set forth in § 1.17(i) accompanies this petition.

The present invention contributes to the treatment of cancer by assisting in ensuring that the treatment is carried out in a manner which increases safety and reduces errors that all too often occur in both radiation therapy and chemotherapy. These errors include treatment of the wrong patient, using the wrong patient treatment chart, subjecting the patient to the wrong radiation dosages, irradiating the wrong area of the patient's body, administering the wrong chemotherapy drugs, and the like. It is noted, for example, that modern radiation treatment techniques are employing stronger and stronger radiation doses so that treating the wrong patient or treating the right patient with the wrong radiation dose can have even more disastrous consequences than previously.

The inventor is a medical doctor who specializes in radiation oncology and is currently Medical Director, Division of Radiation Oncology, at Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg, Virginia. His curriculum vitae is attached. The present invention, although not limited to this field, had as its genesis Dr. Walsh's safety concerns in the field of cancer treatment. The present invention is concerned with making certain that the patient to which a medical treatment is to be delivered is the correct one and also provides for checking the medical treatment to be delivered, e.g., checking whether a radiation dose to be delivered is within prescribed limits.

Granting of the petition is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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